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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV PFOR UN ECOSOC YO

SUBJ: U.S. PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 179170, (B) BELGRADE 3005

1. EMBASSY OFFICER PASSED U.S. POSITION (PARA 2, REF A) TO LJUBISA SEKULIC, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FSFA, MORNING JULY 23. SEKULIC, WHO HAD INDICATED SUPPORT FOR OUR RESOLUTION IN MAY (REF B), SAID THAT HIS GOVT WAS LEANING TOWARD PLACING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMBATTING ILLICIT PAYMENTS UNDER THE UN'S PERMANENT COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. EMBOFF REMINDED SEKULIC THAT GIVING THE ISSUE TO TNC COMMISSION, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRADE, IS NO BETTER THAN AGREEING TO STUDY THE ISSUES FOR A YEAR, BOTH COURSES LEADING TO INACTION. SEKULIC, SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF NARROWNESS OF TNC COMMISSION MANDATE AND WOULD ASK GOY ECOSOC DELEGATION TO TAKE A NEW LOOK AT THEIR POSITION.

2. EMBASSY COUNSELOR AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL GET-TOGETHER FOR
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GOV. SCRANTON ASKED ZIVOSIN JAZIC, DIRECTOR OF FSFA

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ABOUT THIS
ISSUE. JAZIC APPEARED UNINFORMED, AND HAD TO BE REMINED
THAT ISSUE NOW BEFORE ECOSOC. HE FINALLY PUNTED AND
REFERRED COUNSELOR TO SEKULIC.

3. FOR US MISSION GENEVA: WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
INFORMED ANY EVIDENCE YUGOSLAV DEL RECONSIDERING POSITION.

4. COMMENT: UNLIKELY, GIVEN JAZIC WAFFLING AND SEKULIC REPLY,
THAT GOY SHOWING CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY (AS CHARACTERIZED REF
B) FOR US INITIATIVE. AS BELGRADE 3005 INDICATED, EVEN IF THEY
DO GO ALONG-- NOW UNLIKELY--IT WILL BE WITHOUT ANY ZEAL.
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